

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CATI	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services; an insurance program which covers active duty and retired career military persons, their dependents and survivors.
Domiciliary	Facility that provides care and living space for persons who cannot otherwise live independently. Domiciliaries do not provide skilled nursing services.
Enrollment Groups	Seven-level enrollment system. Enrollment groups range from veterans with no compensated service-related disabilities who have income or net worth above a specified threshold and who agree to pay specified co-payments (Group 7) to service-connected conditions rated 50 percent or more disabling (Group 1).
Health Care Priority Groups	Veteran population estimates or health care user estimates classified using self-reported survey data simulating enrollment group criteria.
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization.
Hispanic	The National Survey of Veterans definition includes answers to survey questions on Race and Hispanic Origin (Questions SD9 and SD10). Veterans who said “yes” when asked if they were of Hispanic origin or who did not answer “yes” to any of the four offered racial groups, but self-assessed their race as “other” and provided a “race” that the Census Bureau defines as “Hispanic” were classified as Hispanic.
Inpatient Care	Treatment for at least one overnight stay at a hospital or other similar medical facility such as specialized treatment centers for drug/alcohol abuse.
Medicaid	State health insurance programs for low-income persons.
Medicare	Federal health insurance programs which cover everyone 65 and over as well as certain disabled persons.
Military Retirement Pay	Monetary payments received by service member upon retirement as a result of successful completion of required years of active and reserve service, based on grade and total service longevity.

Outpatient Care	Visits to doctors offices, clinics, HMOs, and hospital outpatient facilities; outpatient care also includes psychiatric and substance abuse treatments, routine examinations, and shots.
Public health insurance	The National Survey of Veterans definition: Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS, military or DoD health programs, Indian health insurance, and other state or federal public health programs.
RDD	Random Digit Dialing
Service-connected disability (SC) compensation	Monetary benefits, called disability compensations, are paid to veterans who are disabled by an injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty. The service of the veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions that were other than dishonorable. Monetary benefits are related to the residual effects of the injury or disease. The amounts of the benefits are set by Congress. Disability compensation is paid in monthly payments.
Service-connected disability rating	Classification based on determination of percent disabled. Typically limited to disabilities attributable to injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service.
Service-related disability or disabling condition	Self-reported disability or disabling condition which is thought to be service-related by respondent. Veterans in this category may or may not have a SC rating or receive SC disability compensation.
TRICARE	The Department of Defense's regional managed health care program for service families.
VA pension	Veterans may be eligible for support if they have limited income when they have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a period of war. Their discharge from active duty must have been under conditions other than dishonorable. They must be permanently and totally disabled for reasons neither traceable to military service nor to willful misconduct. Payments are made to qualified veterans to bring their total income, including other retirement or Social Security income, to an established support level. Countable income may be reduced by unreimbursed medical expenses. Pension is not payable to those who have assets that can be used to provide adequate maintenance.

Veteran

The National Survey of Veterans definition: An individual who served their full obligation of active duty service in the military, or received an early discharge for a medical condition, hardship, reduction in force, or at the convenience of the military. Individuals who received dishonorable discharges or who were still on active duty at the time of the survey were not eligible.